

REMARKS

There are now pending in this application Claims 32-42, of which Claims 32, 34, 35, 36, 41, and 42 are independent. Claims 36-42 are newly added. Claims 4, 14, and 17-31 have been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of their subject matter.

In view of the above amendments and newly presented claims, and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

As the Examiner will appreciate, of the newly presented claims, Claims 36, 41, and 42 are independent. Claim 36 is an apparatus claim and Claims 41 and 42 are method and recording media claims which correspond, respectively, to Claim 36.

Independent Claim 32 has been amended to positively recite a printer which prints an image on a manually fed recording medium based on the image data input by the input unit, together with a memory which stores the image data input by the input unit and a controller which controls the memory so as to hold the image data until after printing whenever a printing operation is based on a manual feeding operation.

Accordingly, Claim 32 as now amended, makes clear that the inputted image data is stored in a memory and that image data is held in the memory until after performing a printing operation in the case of printing on the recording material fed from a manual feeding unit.

Claims 34 and 35, as well as new independent Claims 36, 41, and 42 also incorporate the above-discussed salient features of the invention as set forth in Claim 32.

Applicant's invention as recited in each independent claim addresses in one aspect a problem when the operator inadvertently performs a printing operation on recording material fed by using a manual feeding unit in error. In accordance with the invention it is possible then to reprint the image data that the operator had erroneously printed due to the use of Applicant's control to hold the image data in memory.

Claims 32-35 each stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miura (U.S. Patent No. 4,649,403). That rejection is respectfully traversed.

Miura is directed to a recording apparatus in which image information is formed on a paper sheet in accordance with data input from a data controller. Miura does feature a memory which is capable of storing image data. However, there is no teaching or suggestion in Miura of a controller or control method which holds image data in memory after a printing operation based on a feeding operation of the manual feeding unit as now recited in each of the claims of the above application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention is patentable over the applied art of record.

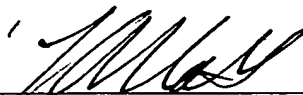
Applicant respectfully submits that each of the independent claims of the above application is patentable over the applied art of record.

The remaining claims in the above application not heretofore discussed are dependent claims which depend either directly or indirectly from one of the above-discussed independent claims and are therefore patentable over the art of record for reasons noted above with respect to the independent claims. In addition, each recite features of the invention still further distinguishing it from the applied art. Favorable and independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicant respectfully submit that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application is respectfully sought.

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